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	First Inventor	Scott Duncan
	Title	TEAR-OUT COUPLING
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of prior application No.: 09 / 992,806

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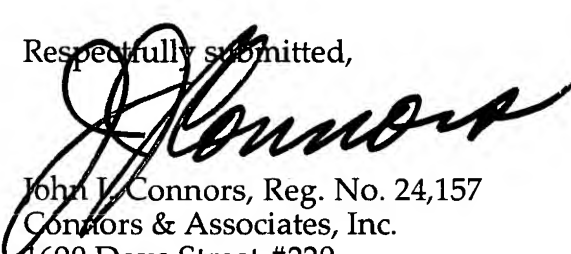
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Please note that this is a continuation patent application based on the parent application, U. S. Serial No. 09/992,806, entitled "TEAR-OUT COUPLING WITH PUNCTURE MEANS," filed November 13, 2001. On page 1 of the continuation application Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §120 and specifically refers to the parent application as required under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §120.

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